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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN RICE QUOTA

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1. UNDER SECRETARY LESLIE WILSON, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM, AND FOREIGN TRADE, INFORMED ECONOFF THAT JAMAICA/BUYANA RICE AGREEMENT DATES BACK TO 1965 AND IS BASED ON EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN JAMAICA'S TRADE MINISTER AND HIS OPPOSITE NUMBER IN GUYANA AT THAT TIME. ACCORDING TO WILSON, ORIGINAL DECISION INVOLVED PURCHASE OF ALL BULK RICE FROM GUYANA BUT ONLY SOME OF PACKAGED VARIETY. THIS POLICY ADOPTED AND APPROVED AT CABINET LEVEL BY BOTH PRESENT AND FORMER JAMAICAN GOVERNMENTS. IT HAS ALSO BEEN ESCALATED BY CARIFTA AND CARICOM AGREEMENTS.

2. COMMENT: IN FACT, JAMAICAN RICE QUOTA IS CONSCIOUS POLICY DECISION MORE THAN FORMAL WRITTEN BILATERAL AGREEMENT. IT ALSO INVOLVES CARICOM COMMITMENT OF PARTNERS TO INCREASE INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE. WILSON UNABLE SUPPLY COPIES OF LETTERS REFERRED TO ABOVE. DORRANCE

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